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BOX: MISSING PARTS  
Assistant Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**VIA FIRST CLASS MAIL**

Re: Patent Application for "A Modular Connector for Fountains"  
Serial No.: 09/864,539  
File Date: May 23, 2000  
Our File No.: 112558-1004

Dear Sir:

Enclosed for filing in connection with the above-referenced U.S. patent application, please find the following:

- (1) Copy of Notice to File Missing Parts;
- (2) Response to Missing Parts;
- (3) Declaration and Power of Attorney;
- (4) Check in the amount of \$65.00; and
- (5) Return Postcard.

Please file the above documents and return the file-stamped postcard to our offices.

Thank you for your assistance. Should you have any questions, please call me.

Respectfully submitted,  
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APPLICATION NUMBER	FILING/RECEIPT DATE	FIRST NAMED APPLICANT	ATTORNEY DOCKET NUMBER
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**NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION**

**FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)**

***Filing Date Granted***

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is missing.  
*A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.*
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- **The balance due by applicant is \$ 65.**

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*

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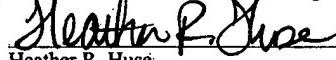
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In Re Application: John M. Walker  
Serial No. 09/864,539  
Filed: May 23,2000  
Art Unit: 3752  
Examiner: Not Assigned  
For: A MODULAR CONNECTOR FOR FOUNTAINS

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

Date of Deposit: 8/2/01

I hereby certify that the papers listed below and attached hereto are being deposited with the United States Postal Service via First Class Mail service under 37 C.F.R. 1.8 on the date indicated above and addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.



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Dear Sir:

**RESPONSE TO  
NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION**

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application mailed July 24, 2001 a copy of which is returned herewith, Applicant respectfully submits this response.

***Declaration and Power of Attorney***

As required by the Notice of Missing Parts of Application, Applicant hereby encloses a Declaration and Power of Attorney for the inventor, John M. Walker.

***Required Fees***

Submitted herewith is a check in the amount of \$65.00 to cover the surcharge claiming Small Entity status. Applicant, therefore, respectfully submits that no additional fees are due in excess of the enclosed check. If this is incorrect, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required by this paper to Deposit Account 07-0153.

***Conclusion***

Applicant respectfully submits that all required parts for the application have now been filed and that no additional fees are required.

Respectfully submitted,

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